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Re: Request to be Excused from Evidentiary Hearing - Docket 2019-225-E - South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for Duke Energy Progress, LLC

Dear Mr. Stark:

Mike Lavanga and I are counsel of record for Nucor Steel – South Carolina in Docket 2019-225-E referenced above. Nucor did not sponsor any witness testimony in the docket and we do not have any cross examination for any of the other parties' witnesses. We respectfully request to be excused from attending the evidentiary hearing in this docket. In addition, Nucor reserves the right to file a brief at the appropriate time.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our request and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Robert R. Smith, II

cc: All parties of Record in 2019-225-E, via electronic mail